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This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated August 22, 2003. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. There are no amendments in the specification or claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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| IN | THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED | APPLICATION. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Small entity status | of this application under | 37 CFR §1.9(f) is established | | | | | | | | |
| | by a verified statem | ment under 37 CFR §1.27 | previously submitted. submitted herewith. | | | | | | | | |
| No additional fee is required, as shown below. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| CLAIMS PEND | | CLAIMS | | NEW | | ADDITIONAL FEES | | | |
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This amount is believed to be correct, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2816. This authorization applies to both filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 and processing fees (such as extension of time) under 37 CFR §1.17. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

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